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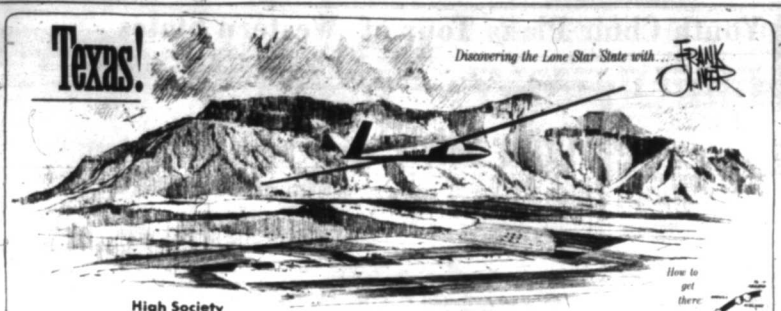

## High Society

Far out on the Trans Pecos, where Texas mountains and desert blend to create their incredible magic, 29 nations from around the globe are assembling for a Summit Meeting that is commanding the rapt attention of the world. Here, in marked contrast to raucous and divisive international political fumblings elsewhere, warm fellowship and strong fraternity are creating cooperation, progress, friendly competition and genuine mutual liking and respect, found in a oneness of interest and purpose.

From June 21 through July 4 the champion glider pilots of the world will compete for titles and trophies in the 12th World Soaring Championships at Marfa. With four entrants permitted from each country, some 100 pilots, their crews and an amazing assortment of motorless sailplanes will pit their skills against one another in such events as: Distance within a confined area, Cross-country distance, Speed to a goal, Speed out and back, and Speed within a pattern. These international enthusiasts for the "last form of purely sporting aviation" (whether for competition or just the thrill of floating through the sky!) chose Marfa and the United States for the first time for their 1970 meet. This section of Texas was selected for its ideal gliding conditions: high altitude, clean, clear air, the absence of man-made obstructions, and most of all the strong thermal conditions so essential to successful gliding.

Texas travelers are enthusiastically invited to join this two-week Olympics of Soaring. Camping facilities in the Marfa area are ample, but with thousands of visitors testing the motto of the delightful west Texas city: "The coolest spot in Texas, with the warmest hospitality", motel and hotel accommodations are mighty slim. Telephone for reservations and then come cheer for your team in this great sky rodeo. In an atmosphere of international good will, eager sporting competition, and scenic mountain beauty, your spirits, too, will soar!

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# IN THE TWIN CITIES
# Week in Review

By IRA TAYLOR
Staff Writer

TEXARKANA'S Metropolitan area of Bowie County, Tex., and Miller County, Ark., remained the largest in the regions of North and East Texas, Southwest Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma and Northwest Louisiana, according to preliminary census reports.

The ranking comes despite complaints from local officials that preliminary census figures are much lower than the actual population. Major population centers such as Dallas, Tex., Shreveport, La., and Beaumont, Tex., were not included in the comparison.

TEXAS SIDE city councilmen approved a proposal Monday night to form a Bi-City Coordinating Council to work with Arkansas side directors on matters that affect both sides of the city.

Representatives to the council will be John McCauley, John Nix and Mayor Dr. D.W. Wisdom. McCauley made the announcement during the meeting Monday night in acting for Mayor Wisdom who was hospitalized with hepatitis.

A LACK OF Communications was the report Texarkana, Ark. School Superintendent Ed Price gave to the school board Monday night concerning the school desegregation plan awaiting approval from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Price said one phone call had been the extent of communications from HEW and said the call questioned the plan's ratio of black-to-white teachers. He said no intention of approval or rejection has been given.

A TEXARKANA, ARK. citizen's group has launched a drive to change the city's form of government to a city administrator system providing for the election of four city directors from wards and eliminating an all at-large board of directors.

The campaign is being headed by N.H. Hilliard, chairman of the Citizens for Representative Government group. Petitions have been circulated and if the required number of signatures is obtained a special election would be held within 30 days after the petition is filed.

A total of 663 signatures will be required but Arkansas side city manager Paul Schriever said the vote may not be necessary if Arkansas voters approve the proposed new constitution since the document would eliminate the all at-large election of officials.

REP. WRIGHT PATMAN of Texarkana, Tex. stated this week that he would file a protest with the Bureau of Census concerning the preliminary census report for the 18 counties he serves in Northeast Texas.

Patman said he would file a "vigorous" protest and seek remedial action on the 1970 population count in the 1st Congressional district of Texas. The preliminary report revealed that population had dropped in the district from 398,586 in 1960 to 395,735 in 1970 — a decrease of 2,392.

CHANGE OF COMMAND ceremonies Friday at the Red River Army Depot here saw Col. Eugene J. D'Ambrosio assume duties as commander of the Depot, succeeding Col. L.E. Van Buskirk, who commanded the Depot for two years.

# EPITAPH To A Week

By LARRY POWELL

Engaging in rhetorical battle seems to be developing into a major American sport these days and has even drifted down to Texarkana.

While conversing with a youthful Texarkana citizen last week, a young Americans' freedom organization wandered into the talk leading the conversation — like a Judas goat — into a dead end discussion of the characteristics of freedom.

"You know, the youngster lamented, "Sometimes when freedom shows up in an organization's name, you might just as well replace it with 'fascism.' It just looks like they're riding freedom for all it's worth — like it's going out of style."

Texas went out of style as the largest state in the union in 1959 when Seward's Folly-Alaska, was awarded statehood. Now, however, Congressman Wright Patman informs us that his office has uncovered some facts which may aid Texas in regaining the throne.

"Did you know," the congressman writes, "that Texas is 9.7 times bigger than Alaska and three times the size of California when we exclude acreage owned by the federal government.

"On this basis, even the second largest state, Montana, is far less than half the size of Texas. As a matter of fact, Alaska, California, and Montana combined total only 133.45 million acres of non-federal land, whereas Texas has 165.21 million acres free and clear of federal ownership."

As big as Texas is, however, that white stripe which severs political and liquor relationships as it exists nonchalantly down State Line Avenue can sometimes provide a bigger gap than the one generations constantly complain about.

For instance — and this tale is told only after reading a particular Rotarian slogan (Is is the truth?) — last week a Midland, Tex., man attempted to acquire his brother's Texarkana, Ark., telephone number. He dialed the direct dial information digits correctly with the exception of inserting Texas area code 214 for the Arkansas code of 501.

The information operator, for Texarkana, Tex., explained to the man at length that Texarkana is the Twin Cities and that the man must use the Arkansas area code to find his brother's number.

After the ensuing argument was finally won by the operator, the man dialed 1-501-1212 and got — believe it or not — the same information operator who then gave him the number. Believe it or not.

Another believe it or not has to do with a three-legged chicken belonging to Mrs. Roberta Davis at 2507 Marietta St. The chicken has three legs and is reportedly seeking an audition with a certain military man involved in the fast-food business. How fast can food run on three legs?

Don't get upset, Bonnie — that's the name of the chicken. It's a three-month old pullet which was raised from an egg, according to Mrs. Davis. How funny is a three-legged chicken?

Last week a comment was made on the number of fried chicken establishments in Texarkana. Rest easy Bonnie. Thursday a Texarkanian was checking with one of those places for a catering service and found that it is planning to end the chicken business. That's right, it's going into the "untried laterative" for a fast food service — catfish.

AREA NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

# Daingerfield Is Getting New Manufacturing Firm

DAINGERFIELD, Tex., will see a new industry soon with completion of the Malouf Dress Factory on the Mt. Pleasant Highway in Daingerfield, according to company president John Malouf.

Malouf told the Daingerfield Chamber of Commerce that Daingerfield was elected from a list of cities each larger than Daingerfield.

He also told the Chamber that training program would begin as soon as the building is completed.

Malouf Dress Factories sell their product almost exclusively to the J.C. Penny Company.

DAINGERFIELD ATTORNEY Harold W. Nix has been elected president of the Northeast Texas Bar Association at a meeting near Mt. Pleasant.

Nix, a graduate of East Texas State University and Baylor University School of law, has practiced law in Daingerfield for five years and is the youngest man elected Bar Association president.

The Northeast Texas Bar Association covers Bowie, Camp, Cass, Franklin, Harrison, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Rains, Red River, Titus, Upshur and Wood Counties.

THREE MCCURTAIN COUNTY, Okla., 4-H Club members will attend the National 4-H Citizenship Shortcourse in Washington D.C., June 19-28.

Harriett Burris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burris, Broken Bow and a member of the Broken Bow Senior Eager Beavers. Roy Davis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis Sr. of Idabel and a member of the Idabel Senior Club, and Susan Storey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Storey of Wright City, and a member of Wright City Senior Club, will make the Washington Trip.

# City Jobless Rate Declines

Gazette's Austin Bureau

AUSTIN, Tex. — While unemployment has continued to rise nationally, joblessness in Texarkana has followed the Texas trend of falling unemployment by decreasing in April from 6.8 to 6.4 per cent of the city's labor force.

At the end of April, according to the latest report on the Texas Employment Commission, 3,040 of Texarkana's 41,000 workers were out of work, compared to 3,200 in March.

Across Texas as a whole, unemployment began to fall after suing to 3 per cent of the work force in February and leveling off in March. During April, joblessness dropped from 3 to 2.9 per cent of the state's 4.3-million labor force.

The number of unemployed statewide fell from 140,500 in March to 138,500 in April.

The heaviest unemployment was at Laredo, where unemployment dropped but still claimed 8.8 per cent of the work force. The least joblessness at the end of April was at Austin, with only 1.9 per cent out of work.

AUSTIN NOTEBOOK

# Oil Firms Face Insurance Hike

Gazette's Austin Bureau

AUSTIN, Tex. — Insurance companies are declining to insure oil companies, except for a separate charge to be negotiated, against liability for damages done by water pollution, either accidental or intentional.

The Texas State Board of Insurance has approved insurance company requests for a mandatory exclusion to go on oil and gas operators' bodily injury and property damage liability insurance policies. The exclusion states that the policy will not cover damages done by water pollution by oil, accidental or intentional.

The Texas board's action brings to at least 21 the number of States which have approved the changed requested by the Insurance Rating Board. Similar applications have been filed or requested in all 50 states.

Businesses other than those related to the oil and gas industry will get a similar, but less sweeping, exclusion from their liability policies. The basic policy will continue to insure against sudden accidental pollution of air, water or land, but not against those being done in the regular course of business.

Lawrence Brown of the Insurance Rating Board noted that the addition of this language on policies effective on and after July 8 in Texas leaves open the possibility that oil companies and others with pollution problems can "buy back" this insurance protection on an individual negotiated basis, company by company.

"There is little statistical material on which to base these rates," Mr. Brown said, "It will be a judgment matter, and I am sure the insurance companies will engineer and survey the risks carefully."

In submitting the requests, the Rating Board declined that it feels present policies do not protect an insurer against damage liability for pollution done in the normal course of business, since liability insurance is based on a loss by an "occurrence."

But the whole field of pollution and damage resulting from it is so new that many large damage suits have been filed recently, but few have been decided.


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